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Note this is the pre-SCR products (2007-12 Lean NOx Traps). We haven't looked at those in a long time but will see how we can follow up on this. I can't tell from the reporting if this is a durability issue or a defeat device or

We will find out.

Thanks,

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Chrysler Accused of VW-Like Emissions Cheating

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Allegations of cheating pollution standards reach U.S. automakers as Chrysler is sued by consumers who say engines in some Dodge trucks were rigged to hide that emissions were as much as 14 times higher than permitted by law.

The Michigan-based unit of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV is the first U.S. carmaker to be sued by consumers. Similar claims were made against German carmakers. Volkswagen AG admitted that it installed devices designed to fool emission testing in 11 million cars worldwide in a scandal that may cost it 18.2 billion euros (\$19.5 billion). Claims of rigging vehicles have also been made against Mercedes, which has denied the allegations.

Chrysler and its diesel technology partner Cummins Inc. hid from consumers that pollutants thought to have been broken down inside the diesel engines instead had a tendency to escape, almost doubling the emissions and reducing the vehicle's fuel efficiency, according to the lawsuit. The companies are accused of fraud, false advertising and racketeering in the complaint, filed Nov. 14 in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan on behalf of the owners of almost 500,000 Dodge Ram model trucks.

The lawsuit against Fiat Chrysler -- created in 2014 through the merger of Chrysler and Fiat -- further calls into question the credibility of clean-diesel technology. Excessive emissions from the vehicles exposed the general public to noxious levels of smog, according to the consumer complaint.

The claims involving Dodge Ram pickups from 2007 and 2012 predate the first known sales of emissions-cheating vehicles by Volkswagen by two years.

The alleged fraud was prompted by a regulatory shift in 2001, according to the filing. Companies saw an opportunity for growth after the Environmental Protection Agency announced stringent new emissions standards for heavy-duty diesel engines effective 2010. Chrysler and Cummins bet they could leapfrog the industry and produce a vehicle to meet those standards three years ahead of schedule, according to the complaint.

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